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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Scott A. McKeown on 7/20/2011.

A) Claim 10 has been cancelled.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance [e.g., note part 2 of paragraph 2 of the action mailed 5/17/2011]:

The Examiner continues to agree with the stated correspondence between the recited "means" and the disclosed structure pertaining thereto as set forth on pages 10-11 of the response filed 2/28/2011. The examiner notes these arguments cite steps SP100 –SP109 of Figure 25 as being the corresponding structure/acts of the recited "program table creating means" of claim 1 (and the "program table creating unit" of claim 11). The examiner maintains that claims 1 and 11 avoid the art of record for at least this reason; i.e., when the recited "program table creating means" and the "program table creating unit" is so construed in the content of the respective independent claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DAVID E. HARVEY whose telephone number is (571) 272-7345. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 6:00AM to 3PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. William Vaughn, can be reached on (571) 272-3922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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